

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Berlin

a. At latest report all remains quiet but tense in Berlin.

b. Aerial reconnaissance over the weekend revealed no major increase in Communist military forces along the Berlin wall.

c. General Yakubovsky, commander of Soviet forces in Germany, brought up nothing of significance during his strictly protocol visit to General Freeman's headquarters.

d. Ambassador Dobrynin, at his request, sees Secretary Rusk this morning at 1030"to discuss Germany." 50X1

2. Soviet Space Ships

a. We now give less credence to the possibility that physical contact was made by the two Soviet space ships. Late tracking data places them a considerable distance (over 300 miles) apart and there has been no further reference to a "joining together" in Soviet broadcasts. [redacted] 50X1
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3. Laos

a. Phoumi tells us he is finding it easy to work with Souvanna but that Souvanna is having serious trouble with Souphannouvong. Neither Souvanna nor other members of his government are allowed into areas controlled by the Communists. According to Phoumi's account, Souphannouvong is blocking the departure of North Vietnamese and Chinese troops in order, as he told Souvanna, to keep the Meos from seizing control.

b. The Indian member of the Control Commission has assured us that even if the Polish member dissents, he and the Canadian member would insist on the right to inspect Communist-controlled areas.

c. We note a gradual decline in the number of North Vietnamese operating in Laos 50X1

Also, the Soviet airlift into Laos is operating at reduced levels, but remains intact. 50X1 These would indicate some regroupment and redistribution

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4. Indonesia-West New Guinea

We have advised Djakarta in the strongest terms to desist from military action in West New Guinea. [redacted]

[redacted] the Indonesians 50X1 are continuing their effort to infiltrate as many troops as possible before the agreement is signed. Naval units have orders to fight only if the Dutch attempt to prevent the landings. [redacted] 50X1

5. Haiti

Port-au-Prince remains quiet, but the army continues on the alert and the militia are still concentrated at the palace. [redacted] 50X1 anti-US demonstrations are scheduled [redacted]. 50X1

6. Argentina

Rebellious General Montero seems to have lost the initiative during a course of events yesterday which is not entirely clear. The bloodless coup which appeared to be under way this weekend has stalled. [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] Despite agreement on a new secretary of war, retired General Jose Conejo Saravia, the military factions are still sharply divided, and the crisis is far from over. We may see some resignations from Guido's cabinet.

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- B. The Brazilian Congress will begin this morning to consider Goulart's request for extraordinary powers. It is in no mood to be forthcoming, and a showdown is in the offing.
- C. The Portuguese press has nothing but praise for our vote against immediate independence for Mozambique in the UN committee of 17. It even quoted our call for self-determination in Portuguese African territories, which we would ordinarily expect to be omitted.
- D. Moscow has been exuding good will toward Iran lately, evidently trying to butter up the new Alam government. Prime Minister Alam plans to put the smiles to the test by trying for more favorable trade and payments arrangements with the USSR.

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LATE NOTE

Late Press reports at 0845 EDT reveal that the calm has been broken at the Berlin wall as East German border guards used tear gas and water hoses against West Berliners demonstrating at the border.